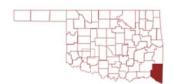
# **McCurtain County SPF SIG Profile**



#### **McCurtain County Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant**

In 2011, Southeastern Oklahoma Interlocal Cooperative received a 4 year SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) funding to work with the McCurtain County Coalition for Change to address the problem of underage drinking in McCurtain County. The SPF SIG, provides funding to States and federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations to implement the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic Prevention Framework in order to:

- prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse,
- reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities,
- build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State/Tribal and community levels.

Through a needs assessment, communities identified data-driven priorities.

# **Underage Drinking**

- Data collection and analyses reveal that underage drinking is the priority substance abuse issue in McCurtain County.
  - According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in 2011, 38% of Oklahoma public high school students in grades 9-12 reported current alcohol consumption.<sup>1</sup>
  - o In 2010, there were 65 alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in McCurtain County.<sup>2</sup>
- The factor identified as being strongly related to and influencing underage drinking and its consequences in McCurtain County:
  - o Enforcement- In 2010 there were 83 minor in possession charges, all dismissed with a paid fine. In 2011 there were 60 minor in possession charges all dismissed with a paid fine.
- The target population was identified as youth aged 16-20 residing in McCurtain County, with indirect targets being parents, college students, adults who provide alcohol, alcohol retailers, friends and young adults in McCurtain County.
- Strategies:
  - o Enforcement- including sobriety/traffic safety checkpoints
  - Policy- including working with law enforcement on protocols and guidelines
  - o Media Advocacy- including advocacy around sobriety/traffic checkpoints
  - Training- including training for law enforcement and media

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